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The Honorable Anne Quinlan Acting Secretary Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street, S.W Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re STB Docket No. AB-853 (Sub-No. 1X), Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption -- In Hodgeman, Comanche, Kiowa, and Pratt Counties, KS

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

This is in response to the request dated February 14, 2008, by Hodgeman County Economic Development ("Hodgeman County"), for issuance of a Notice of Interim Trail Use, under the National Trails System Act, 16 U S C. § 1247(d), for the rail line located between Milepost 36.3, at Hanston, KS, and Milepost 47.0, at Jetmore, KS.

Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad, Inc. ("K&O"), hereby notifies the Board that K&O has not consummated the abandonment of the line located between Milepost 36 3, at Hanston, KS, and Milepost 47.0, at Jetmore, KS, and is willing to negotiate for trail use with Hodgeman County.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me.

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cc: Thomas F. McFarland, Esq.